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Bay of Pigs

Editor — Your editorial (Obligation Fully Discharged")
December 27) states that the Bay of Pigs invasion was 'an American directed operation which ought never to have been started."

Kennedy's mistake was not in starting it but in failing to carry out the provisions of the CIA plan which called for American naval and air support to counteract Castro's Russian planes, tanks, and artillery. As John Stuart Mill observed a century ago: "The doctrine of non-intervention, to be a legitimate principle of morality, must be accepted by all governments. The despots must consent to be bound by it as well as the free states. Unless they do, the profession of it is tree countries comes but 13 times miserable issue, that the wrong side may help the wrong, but the

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